

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary Michael B. Donley
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Washington, D.C. 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Donley,

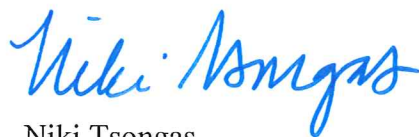
We were both alarmed to learn that our military has uncovered rampant misconduct including a reported rape and multiple sexual assaults at Lackland Air Force Base. The behavior at Lackland is particularly disturbing because it was perpetrated by military training instructors on recruits. As co-chairs of the Military Sexual Assault Prevention Caucus, we would like to request a briefing for the members of our Caucus on the sexual assault response capabilities of the Air Force.

In light of the incidents at Lackland Air Force Base it is important that Members of Congress have a solid understanding of the investigative, prosecutorial, and survivor support capabilities available in the Air Force, and how they are being implemented, both across the force, and in the cases that are under investigation at Lackland AFB.

We believe such a briefing should include representatives from your JAG Corps, OSI, the military police community, as well as your sexual assault prevention and response program at both the AF and installation level.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Niki Tsongas
Member of Congress



Michael Turner
Member of Congress